

That is a tough one. I am going to waffle and say that I believe both sides are equally hypocritical, just about different issues.

user1

I see a lot of ridiculousness coming from both sides at the moment.

user1

I honestly think you may be right, both sides have shown their true colors as of late.

user2

I can explain my rationale for this belief (aside from anecdotal evidence).

user1

It'll be a bit long-winded.

user1

Hypocrisy is still very much in the nature of humanity (such as it is, on the whole) which is why both sides are equally afflicted. This is largely due to the stage of brain evolution we're currently at.

user1

But I will say that the Republicans that follow Donald Trump are mostly just groupies, and not true patriots, but the Republicans that know he is lying stand behind him for some reason that I still have not figured out.

user2

It's about power.

user1

They're doing whatever is (and this word is truly evil...) expedient.

user1

Yes, I agree.

user2

but

user2

I do hate painting with a broad brush, so not all Trump supporters are deluded fools. Some of them are likely just disaffected and looking for any hope to grab on to.

user1

the hypocritical part comes in when you have the R with a brain that denounced him after January 6th, openly, then turn around and worship him, saying they never said a bad word against him.

Hypocrisy at it's finest.

user2

I do realize that.

user2

I do wonder at that particular phenomenon (saying something on camera then saying you didn't say it).

user1

It is just really hard for me to wrap my head around some of the statements and actions that so many used when they turned on a dime, being very intelligent people.

user2

Ah, I can shed some light on that particular neurological phenomenon.

user1

Going back to my original point why I think it's a both-sides issue rather than just one...

user1

His followers aren't all racist rednecks, a lot of them are very intelligent, and have held careers for years without showing this side of themselves.

user2

Please do.

user2

The dorsolateral prefrontal cortex is a relatively new part of the brain. One of it's important responsibilities is comparing beliefs we hold (logical or emotional) and comparing them globally to everything we know/experience.

user1

I was not very political until the last 2 years.

user2

The truth appears to be: it's just not that well integrated through the anterior cingulate cortex with the amygdala (emotional center).

user1

And that's where otherwise "intelligent" people go wrong.

user1